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CERTIFIED/RETURN RECEIPT  
REQUESTED

Marilyn Maxner, Chair  
Roy D. Lorenz, Foreman  
Grand Jury County of Monterey  
P.O. Box 414  
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Dear Ms. Maxner and Mr. Lorenz:

This is in response to your July 19, 2001 letter regarding the four findings found in the 2000 Grand Jury Report, "Use of California State Lottery Funds in Monterey County."

1. Sixteen of the 19 responding school districts and one community college responding to the Grand Jury's survey spend lottery funds on employee salaries.

Response: The Salinas Union High School District does utilize lottery funds for employee salaries.

2. At the time of the Grand Jury's survey, there was no evidence that any lottery education revenues were being spent for prohibited purposes in Monterey County.

Response: The Salinas Union High School District does not utilize any lottery funds that are not within the parameters of the legislation.

3. Four of the 19 responding school districts place lottery moneys in their general funds without further tracking. This does not comply with the California Government Code, Section 8880.5. In addition, these school districts will be unable to verify compliance with the Cardenas Textbook Act of 2000.

Response: The Salinas Union High School District does utilize a portion of its lottery funds for the Cardenas Textbook Act of 2000. We do establish a separate account for the receipt and expenditure of these funds. The Salinas Union High School District placed \$105,802 of lottery funds into instructional materials.

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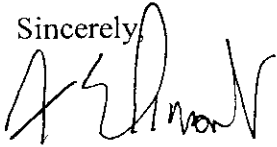
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4. Fifteen of the 19 responding school districts, both community colleges, and the County Superintendent do have special tracking accounts. However, for many of the reporting districts, these designated accounts do not contain sufficient detail to verify compliance with the Cardenas Textbook Act of 2000.

Response: The Salinas Union High School District does provide a tracking system for both the expenditure of lottery funds and the tracking and compliance with funds as provided through the Cardenas Textbook Act of 2000.

I hope my responses to these findings fulfill your requirements as set forth by your July 19 letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Elizondo', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Fernando R. Elizondo  
Superintendent

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